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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO 80 MONTHS IN
FEDERAL PRISON FOR SELLING CRACK**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on April 25, 2008, Montriell Ramont Esaw, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court to 80 months in prison for distributing crack cocaine.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Esaw, age 23, of 5215 East 26th Avenue in Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson, Esaw sold a total of 21.1 grams of crack on three occasions in early 2007. Also, at the time of his arrest, Esaw was in possession of 20.4 grams of crack, 16.7 grams of marijuana, and \$2,001 in drug sale proceeds.

Mr. Cohen commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, comprised of Anchorage police officers and FBI agents, for the investigation leading to the sentence in this case. SAUSA Thoreson is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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